



Pure Pleasure CJS 9025

Otis Spann: Walking The Blues

Format: 1LP 33rpm / standard sleeve

Manufacturer: Pure Pleasure

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"Walking The Blues" is arguably the finest record Otis Spann ever cut, boasting 11 cuts of astounding blues piano. On several numbers, Spann is supported by guitarist Robert Jr. Lockwood and their interaction is sympathetic, warm, and utterly inviting. Spann relies on originals here, from "Half Ain't Been Told" to "Walking the Blues", but he also throws in a few standards ("Goin' Down Slow", "My Home Is In The Delta") that help draw a fuller portrait of his musicianship. Most importantly, however, is the fact that "Walking The Blues" simply sounds great -- it's some of the finest blues piano you'll ever hear.

Recording: August 1960 at Fine Recording Studios, New York, by George Piros

Production: Nat Hentoff "Walking The Blues" - Otis Spann (p, voc); Robert Lockwood Jr. (g); St. Louis Jimmy (James Oden) (voc)